

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Philip McCann on 12/18/2008.

Replace Table 4 on page 24 of the Specification (lines 15-20) with the following:

Table 4

	Amount		Sulphuric Acid	Acrylic Acid	Acrylic Acid dimer	Acetic Acid	Maleic Acid	Furfuraldehyde	Benzaldehyde	Propionic Acid	Water
Fractions	Mass (g)	Determination	w (%)	w (%)	w (%)	w (%)	w (%)	w (%)	w (%)	w (%)	w (%)
Feed	1982	Analysis	2.000	88.000	1.400	2.400	0.400	0.020	0.044	0.020	11.700
Mother liquor	1891	Balanced	2.034	88.357	1.427	2.436	0.408	0.02	0.045	0.02	11.908
Crystallizate before sweating	82 (balance d)	Balanced	1.433	89.426	0.922	1.822	0.250	0.012	0.019	0.018	8.174
Sweat fraction	67	Analysis	1.700	88.000	1.100	2.000	0.300	0.014	0.023	0.019	9.600
Crystallizate after sweating	14	Analysis	0.200	96.000	0.100	1.000	0.020	0.001	0.002	0.014	1.600

The present results have been obtained by gas chromatography and HPLC.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl J. Puttlitz whose telephone number is (571) 272-0645. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Sullivan, can be reached at telephone number (571) 272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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